

REPORTS
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF NASHVILLE,
FOR THE YEAR
1849----50.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Nashville, respectfully submit the following Report of the condition of the Schools for the present year.

The general character of the schools has been very good ; the teachers, generally, have been of a high character, and a good degree of proficiency has been made. More particular information as to the character of each, will be found hereafter.

At the commencement of the summer term, a change of reading books was introduced into the schools of the first and second districts, substituting Tower's Series for Russell & Goldsbury's. The terms of the exchange were such as to impose a very trifling expense upon the districts, and it is believed the exchange has been generally satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. I.

The Primary School in this district, both Summer and Winter terms, was under the instruction of Miss Frances Meriam, whose services for several years have given the most perfect satisfaction to the district, and whose uniform success as a teacher has secured for her the reputation of one of the best of instructors, and the district will require no urging to secure the continuance of her services.

The Upper School, during the summer term, was taught by Miss Lewis, who had had considerable experience in teaching in communities where the elements of disorder are not so fully developed as here. Her attainments were highly satisfactory, but she had had no experience in the management of *bad* schools, and she failed in maintaining that degree of order in this which is indispensable to successful teaching. The general character of the school was disorderly, and there was an apparent indifference on the part of some of the larger boys, which was most discouraging to her, and fatal to their own progress.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Samuel T. Jones, whose efficiency during the winter previous secured to him the confidence of the district. The disorderly elements which had been so active during the summer term, were kept in a good state of subjection, and the school seemed to have made excellent progress. Mr. Jones has labored hard to keep up the interest of the scholars in their studies, giving his whole time to his business, and in his labors he has been successful. He had a large number of scholars in the higher English branches, who manifested a high degree of attainment. It is very satisfactory to notice an increased interest in this school among the people of the district—a point upon which all our districts are very deficient, and which is a serious stumbling block in the way of the usefulness of our schools.

DISTRICT NO. II.

In the early part of the season, this district adopted the "Somersworth Act," which required a special Superintending Committee. Such committee was appointed by the Selectmen, agreeably to the provisions of that act, and their report, which is annexed, is referred to for the condition of its schools.

DISTRICT NO. III.

The school in this district is generally backward, though there are several scholars who are quite forward for their age. During the Summer term the school was under the care of Miss Mary Coburn, and appeared at its close, to have made a good degree of progress in most of the branches taught; to be orderly, and all seemed to be interested in their studies.

The Winter term was commenced by Mr. Farley, with whom, after a few weeks, there was considerable dissatisfaction expressed, and he voluntarily left the school. Mr. F. appeared very well on his examination, and when the committee visited the school, appeared to conduct the exercises very well, so far as they could judge, there being but few scholars present. Whether there was any reasonable ground for the dissatisfaction, the committee are unable to judge, as they were not called upon to investigate the matter. Soon after Mr. F. left, Miss Hardy was employed to teach the school, and is now engaged in it, to the satisfaction of the district, as is understood, and to the advantage of the school.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

This school is very small. The Summer term was taught by Miss Cutler, acceptably to the district, it is understood. When the school was visited near its close, there were so few present that an opinion could hardly be formed as to its progress. The whole number present was nine. This school for the Winter term, which is now keeping, is under the charge of Miss Marsh, who is discharging her duties, it is believed, to the entire satisfaction of the district, and the advantages of the school.

The following table presents an abstract of the Teachers' Reports.

District.	Term.	Room.	TEACHERS.	Wages per month, exclusive of board.	No. of Scholars.	Males.	Females.	Average Attendance.	Weeks.	No. of Scholars above 4 years attending over 2 weeks in the year.	Money, including Literary Fund.
I.	1	1	Miss H. Lewis.	\$10 00	40	27	20	25	18	168	\$461.30
		2	Miss Frances Meriam.	12 00	61	26	35	39	18		
	2	1	Mr. Samuel T. Jones.	27 00	75	33	42	52	20		
		2	Miss Frances Meriam.	12 00	76	32	44	51	20		
II.	1	1	Miss Mary B. Spalding.	10 00	91	41	50	57	22	469	\$1200.00
			Miss Maria Laton.	10 00							
		2	Miss Nancy I. Spalding.	10 00	63	23	40	30	22		
			Miss Hannah J. Atwood.	10 00							
		3	Miss Mary A. Holmes.	10 00	73			49	22		
		4	Miss Lydia A. Atwood.	10 00	107	53	54	67	22		
			Miss Mary E. Brown.	10 00	73	38	35	41	22		
		5	Miss S. Kendrick.	10 00							
			Miss S. A. Ball.	10 00							
			Miss H. A. Morrison.	10 00							
	2	1	Mr. Samuel Alvord.	40 00	126	66	60	100	16		
			Miss Mary B. Spalding.	10 00							
		2	Miss Hannah J. Atwood.	10 00	86	43	43	62	16		
		3	Miss Mary A. Holmes.	10 00	83	43	40	55	16		
		4	Miss Lydia A. Atwood.	10 00	99	45	54	74	16		
			Miss Mary E. Brown.	10 00	58	30	28	39	16		
		5									
III.	1		Miss Mary Coburn.	6 00	29	12	17	18	16	39	\$140.85
	2		Mr. Farley.		31	21	10	24	20		
			Miss Hardy.	10 00							
IV.	1		Miss H. L. Cutler.	6 00	23	8	15	15	18	28	\$110.22
	2		Miss Marsh.	7 00	15	9	6	11	15		

BEN. F. EMERSON, } Superintending
R. E. DEWEY, } School
ALBIN BEARD, } Committee.

Nashville, March 4, 1850.

Report of the Superintending School Committee, District No. II.

The Superintending School Committee of District No. 2, respectfully report, as follows :

Your committee were appointed by the Selectmen, in consequence of the organization of District No. 2, under the act "to empower School Districts to establish and maintain High Schools." That organization took place on the 12th of May, 1849, and our appointment on the 26th of June following. The summer schools had then been some time in operation.

The school in the upper room of the large building was conducted by Miss Mary B. Spalding, assisted by Miss Maria Laton. Its appearance, when visited by the committee at its close, was highly satisfactory.

The Intermediate School was under the charge of Miss Nancy I. Spalding. The labors of this lady were interrupted by sickness,

and her place in her absence was well supplied by Miss H. J. Atwood.* The inconvenience of a change of teachers, and the feeble state of Miss Spalding's health at the examination, being considered, the appearance of the school at its close was commendable.

The Primary School in the same building, under the charge of Miss Mary A. Holmes, appeared to great advantage.

The Primary School on Central street, conducted by Miss Lydia A. Atwood, was notwithstanding the large number of pupils present, in a condition in regard to order and proficiency in study, reflecting great credit on that young lady.

The Primary School on Fletcher street had been for about five weeks of the Summer term, under the care of Miss Mary E. Brown, who was then called away by a domestic affliction. After which it was under the care of Misses S. Kendrick, S. A. Ball, and one or two others, for a short time, each. Probably owing in part to the frequent changes of the teachers, and in part to the interruptions outside of the school house, from boys not attending school there, during this term the school became disorderly, and was of little benefit to the pupils. The last of July, Miss Hannah A. Morrison was employed to take charge of the school. At first Miss Morrison had some difficulty in managing the school, but soon, by an energetic course, restored it to a good degree of order, and while she remained, the school appeared well, and its improvement was very satisfactory.

The season for the winter schools opened upon us under the most encouraging circumstances. A new, costly and convenient school house had been built, embracing accommodations for eighty pupils in the upper, or high school, seventy-two in the intermediate, and eighty in the primary school. Of the teachers, Miss M. B. Spalding, the assistant in the upper school, and Misses Atwood and Holmes, who have charge of the others, were already very favorably known to the district. Mr Samuel Alvord, the gentleman engaged to take charge of the high school, came among us with a reputation earned by success in teaching for many years past, and established beyond question by ample testimonials. The committee, as the law appeared by implication to require the duty at their hands, adopted certain regulations for the government of the school, and caused them to be printed and distributed for general information.

On the day of the opening of the schools, a majority of your committee repaired to the High School, to assist, if it should be needed, in its opening arrangements. An unexpected difficulty at once presented itself. There were between twenty and thirty more pupils than could be accommodated with seats. The expectation had been, that with increased accommodation in the primary and intermediate departments, the number of pupils in the high school would be less than in former years rather than more; and it was thought that a provision of eighty desks would be ample for the scholars, while it was obvious that that number was quite sufficient to occupy the whole energies of two faithful teachers in the variety of studies which the nature of the school required. But the new building and the reputation which had preceded the teacher,

attracted many pupils who would otherwise have gone to private schools. The committee did what they could at the time to remedy the difficulty. At the pressure of the moment, with upwards of a hundred pupils waiting for occupation, it was out of the question to examine each on his fitness to be there; we represented the state of things to the scholars, advising and requesting those of them who were willing, to enter the intermediate school.—A considerable number with great good humour withdrew. It now became necessary to adopt the same means of transferring a number from the intermediate to the primary, which we accomplished, leaving it in each case to the teachers to make subsequent transfers as they should find on examination, that justice required.

These measures had however, but partial success. After all we could do by persuasion, there remained in the upper room a number more than were furnished with desks. Still more made their appearance on following days. Among the pupils were some large boys, who from having had scanty opportunities of instruction, were better suited in regard to knowledge, for one of the lower schools; but to direct them to go there, would at their age, have been to deprive them altogether of school advantages; while to retain them, and send down younger but more advanced pupils, would have been manifest injustice. Besides, the intermediate school was now full to overflowing, and on enquiry of its teacher, it appeared very difficult to select any more to be sent back to the primary department.

We felt ourselves therefore compelled, as the least of evils, to let the upper school room remain somewhat over-crowded. The pupils beyond the number of eighty were for a time accommodated with chairs and benches; and as no means offered itself of diminishing their number, and the calling of a district meeting to make an appropriation required a fortnight's notice, we circulated a subscription for the purpose of procuring a sufficient number of additional desks and seats, together with some other necessary articles. This subscription pledged those who signed it, to pay for the furniture purchased, provided the district should refuse so to do. Such a refusal the committee did not and do not anticipate.

The committee have been thus particular in describing the circumstances attending the commencement of this school, both because they have understood that their course at this time has been somewhat misconceived, and because the school has been less easy to govern than if it had been less crowded with pupils. That this crowding was an evil, the committee are perfectly aware; but it was an evil unforeseen, and in our opinion, impossible to be entirely remedied.

That notwithstanding this evil, the school has gone on far more quietly than in the two preceding winters, is creditable alike to the teachers and to the pupils. Mr. Alvord, with the concurrence of the committee, laid down early as his principle of instruction, to teach those branches which were of importance to all, not attempting to introduce those classical studies that would have required time that could not properly be spared. He also declared his intention to govern, if it were possible, without corporal punishment; in this he

has persevered. Not a blow has been struck in the school since its commencement. As however, among so many young people, instances of disorder would at times occur, it has been his effort to check these at the outset; and in the very few cases which called for severer censure, reference has been had to the committee, who have in every instance felt justified, upon an examination of the circumstances, in sustaining his authority.

While this report was in preparation, the committee have visited the different schools, and in the instance of the high school, something like a regular examination took place. The pupils were questioned in a miscellaneous manner upon their various branches of study, and the result was highly creditable to them and to their instructors. The order was excellent. The report made by the Principal leads the committee however, to invite the attention of parents anew to the importance of *regular and punctual attendance* on the part of their children.

The Intermediate School has been, during the winter term, under the care of Miss H. J. Atwood. This school has been thronged with pupils; and their deportment and proficiency in study, are highly creditable to their teacher.

The Primary School, taught by Miss Holmes, has been much less crowded. It has gone on, steadily improving under her care.

The school on Central street has continued under the charge of its able teacher, Miss Lydia A. Atwood. It has been full to overflowing, but the order is excellent, and the progress in study such as to excite surprise that it could have been attained.

On the commencement of the Winter term, Miss Brown again took charge of the Primary School on Fletcher street. Under her care the school has always appeared well, and its improvement has been quite satisfactory. She seems to have, to an unusual degree, the power of acquiring the love of her little pupils.

It will be apparent from what has been said, that further school accommodation for children of the district, is indispensable. The High and Intermediate Schools, and that on Central street, have all been crowded to a degree oppressive to the teachers, and unfavorable to the progress of the pupils.

Should the district remain constituted as it is, a new Intermediate or Grammar School should be established in its eastern portion, with accommodations for at least eighty pupils. Should the town vote to purchase the High School building, the Primary and Intermediate Schools now kept there, must also have new accommodations provided. Your committee recommend, with regard to the various plans which may be brought forward, that nothing be done hastily, and that even should any proposed measure seem in itself desirable, it should not be pressed without a scrupulous regard to the feelings as well as to the rights of any who may dissent from it.

S. G. BULFINCH,	} Superintending School Committee District No. 2.
BEN. F. EMERSON,	
R. E. DEWEY,	
CHARLES F. GOVE,	
ALBIN BEARD,	

Nashville, March 4, 1850.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Cash paid, viz :	
Expended under direction of A. J. Belknap, in District No. 1,	\$118 87
Expended under direction of Selectmen in District No. 2,	788 37
Expended under direction of David Roby in District No. 3,	200 12
Expended under direction of E. Gould in District No. 4,	58 81
Wilbur & McQuesten, for plank for I. Head Bridge,	71 33
Jonathan B. Foss, flagging stone,	78 75
Z. Shattuck, for flagging stone,	32 35
A. & R. Godfrey, for building culvert,	140 00
Elijah Tinker, for building culvert,	10 00
Joel Brown, for stone work,	38 00
A. & N. McKean, for spikes,	9 63
	\$1546 23

OLD BILLS.

Cash paid, viz :	
J. H. Graves,	17 00
Simpson & Wilson,	67 55
J. L. Bowers,	19 84
George Hale,	2 62
A. McKean,	2 00
A. Greeley,	37 00
Horace Blaisdell,	5 34
Samuel C. Perry,	1 62
Thomas J. Laton,	4 50
Reuben Spalding,	1 60
Nathan Buttrick,	67 43

Franklin Foster,	5 00
George Shattuck,	17 00
Joseph F. Andrews,	2 00
William White,	3 00
Thomas G. Banks,	1 25
J. P. Davis,	7 50
Isaac J. Fox,	22 00
Roby & McQuesten,	4 93
Francis Winch,	3 50
Benjamin Roby,	2 50
Charles Shipley,	1 50
Asa Newton,	52
Leonard Shipley,	1 50
	\$298 70

SCHOOLS.

Cash paid, viz :	
E. K. Hardy, District No. 1,	461 30
J. G. Bancroft, District No. 2,	1200 00
James Roby, District No. 3,	140 85
Gardner Rideout, District No. 4,	110 22
	\$1912 37

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Cash paid, viz :	
Wilbur & McQuesten,	11 61
James Boyd & Son,	5 00
Jacob D. Dodge,	15 00
Aaron Woods,	22 50
T. & F. Chase,	11 64
Jeremiah P. Davis,	12 30
George M. Young,	3 12
Isaac J. Fox,	6 00
Kendrick & Tuttle,	96
Horace Blaisdell,	22 76
Ignatius Bagley, services as Chief Engineer,	25 10
Ignatius Bagley, for cash paid out,	18 24
Phinehas W. Prescott,	7 17
Levi W. Hodge,	3 00
Shelton & Cheever,	4 00
Hugh Jameson,	63
Cash paid members of Engine Co. No. 1,	169 80
Cash paid members of Engine Co. No. 2,	92 40
	\$431 23

ALMS-HOUSE.

Cash paid, viz :	
J. C. Lanphier for taxes,	24 38
Bills paid by E. Spalding, as per book,	532 08
Edward Spalding as Superintendent,	300 00
	\$856 46

PAUPERS OTHER THAN ALMS-HOUSE.

Cash paid, viz :

For relief of	Mrs. Smith and family,	96 37
"	Mrs. Winn,	26 00
"	Mrs. Dane,	10 50
"	Mrs. Butterfield,	24 50
"	Mrs. Blood,	60 00
"	Hanson Huntress, (small pox,)	121 45
"	Mrs. Riley,	21 25
"	Abel Shattuck	12 50
"	Hiram Reed,	21 22
"	Mrs. Peabody,	6 29
		\$400 08

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Cash paid, viz :

For relief of	Selina Fairbanks,	119 46
"	Mrs. Hosley,	13 00
"	Emeline Smith,	47 85
"	Hugh McCain,	1 30
"	Bridget Ready,	21 25
"	John Shaw,	11 96
"	William Williams,	2 55
"	Mary McCain,	83 05
"	Charles Lewis,	52 11
"	Miss Brown,	6 02
"	William Manning,	116 19
"	Mrs. Underwood,	2 25
"	Mrs. Sarah Stone,	9 00
"	Daniel Wilson and family,	3 50
"	Mrs. Harrington,	31 00
"	Daniel Shea,	27 35
"	Mrs. King,	7 10
"	Ann Colon,	1 50
"	Mrs. Costly and children,	2 50
"	Mary O'Niel,	5 72
"	Mary Kelley and Francis Smith,	65
Moses Davis, for coffin for child,		1 00
For removals of Irish families,		4 00
Dr. J. G. Graves,		62 50
		\$632 81

TOWN OFFICERS.

Cash paid, viz :

Robert Moore, services as Town Clerk,	50 49
Gilman Shattuck, as Town Treasurer,	25 00
Thomas J. Laton, as Selectman,	89 62
Nathan McKean, as Selectman,	98 62
Alfred Greeley, as Selectman,	79 83
Albin Beard, as school committee,	17 00
Ben. F. Emerson, as school committee,	21 00

R. E. Dewey, as school committee,	17 00	
S. G. Bulfinch, as school committee,	22 00	
Charles F. Gove, as school committee,	5 00	
Benjamin G. Porter, for collecting Taxes,	104 25	
		\$529 81

MILITARY.

Cash paid, viz :		
Field officers,	1 50	
Capt. George, Union Artillery,	6 00	
Capt. Banks, Nashua Guards,	3 50	
		\$11 00

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Cash paid, viz :		
Albin Beard, for printing, &c.	43 25	
N. P. Greene, for Books, &c.	7 93	
		\$51 18

TOWN DEBT.

Cash paid, viz :		
Solomon Spalding, for interest,	45 90	
Solomon Spalding, Jr. for interest,	30 00	
John Reed, for interest,	42 00	
Charles Lovejoy for interest,	48 00	
Benjamin Eastman, for interest,	60 00	
		\$225 90

POLICE OFFICERS.

Cash paid, viz :		
J. P. Davis,	12 00	
Beriah Blood,	29 83	
Samuel C. Powers,	15 50	
Horace Blaisdell,	1 50	
William White,	2 00	
J. P. Upton,	4 00	
James C. Brackett,	9 50	
Townsend Walker,	5 25	
		\$79 50

SCHOOL HOUSES IN DISTRICT NO. II.

Cash paid, viz :		
Henry Wilbur, for balance due District No. 2, raised 1848,		
		\$105 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash paid, viz :		
Unitarian Society, for use of house for Town Meeting, March, 1849,	75 00	

L. W. Noyes, amount appropriated for Teachers' Institute,	50 40
Ben. F. Emerson, for collecting county bills,	22 00
Ben. F. Emerson, for professional services,	9 00
Ephraim W. Livingston,	13 36
A. D. Greeley,	2 50
Beriah Blood, taking care of Lobby,	12 50
Johnson & Reed,	6 09
Joseph F. Andrews,	2 25
William Wetherbee,	4 00
Kendrick & Tuttle,	2 24
W. & L. McKean,	2 55
William Short,	1 50
Benjamin G. Porter, horse hire,	12 25
Alfred Greeley,	25 82
Nathan McKean,	14 47
Thomas J. Laton,	11 50
Beriah Blood, labor on Lobby,	7 32
	\$274 75

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

Am't. in Treasury, March, 5, 1849,	403 92
“ of Taxes assessed, 1849,	6917 24
“ received of collector, for taxes, 1848,	107 64
“ received of county for April term,	215 26
“ received of county for October term,	391 68
“ received of State Literary Fund,	67 73
“ received of State, Railroad tax,	1161 23
“ received of Lemuel Blood,	60 00
“ received of town of Portsmouth,	100 00
“ received of town of Antrim,	21 25
“ received of town of Pelham,	96 00
“ received of committee on reservoirs	5 60
“ received for old plank sold,	2 50
“ received for produce from poor farm,	733 01
“ received of Nashua & Lowell R. R. Co. for half of expense of building culvert,	70 00
	\$10,353 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	1546 23
Old Bills,	298 70
Schools,	1912 37
Fire Department,	431 23
Alms-house,	856 46
County Paupers,	632 81

Paupers other than Alms-house,	400 08	
Town Officers,	529 81	
Military,	11 00	
Printing and Stationery,	51 18	
Town Debt,	225 90	
Police Officers,	79 58	
School Houses in District No 2,	105 05	
Miscellaneous,	274 75	
State Tax,	840 00	
County Tax,	1193 69	
Taxes Outstanding,	346 25	
Abatements,	31 68	
Balance in the Treasury, March 4, 1850,	586 29	
		<u>\$10,353 00</u>

ACCOUNT SHOWING THE STANDING OF POOR FARM.

Dr.

Alms-house expenses,	856 46	
Paupers other than Alms-house,	400 08	
County Paupers,	632 81	
Amount of Invoice, Feb. 17, 1849,	1920 89	
		<u>\$3810 24</u>

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By amount of invoice, Feb. 16, 1850,	1767 45	
By cash received from county,	606 94	
" " Lemuel Blood,	60 00	
" " Town of Portsmouth,	100 00	
" " Town of Antrim,	21 25	
" " Town of Pelham,	96 00	
By amount received for produce sold,	733 01	
By amount due from county,	272 30	
By amount of pay of Superintendent from Feb. 16, to April 1, 1850,	37 50	
		<u>\$3694 45</u>

Invoice of Stock, Provisions, &c. at Poor Farm, Feb. 16, 1850.

1 pair oxen,	100 00	Vinegar and cask,	5 00
1 pair 5 years old do.	80 00	50 bushels rye,	41 50
1 pair 2 years old steers,	30 00	22 bushels oats,	5 50
6 cows,	140 00	1 1-2 bushels white beans,	3 00
1 horse,	110 00	1 bushel colored do.	1 00
Poultry,	6 00	Lot early seed beans,	1 50
3 shoats,	30 00	Lot June peas,	3 00
6 tons English hay,	72 00	1 1-4 bushel marrowfat peas,	3 00
9 1-4 tons stock do.	74 00	Buckwheat,	75
Lot coarse fodder,	10 00	1-2 bushel early beans,	1 00
100 bushels corn,	83 00	2 ox carts,	50 00

1 ox waggon,	50 00	2 swill barrels,	87
1 horse waggon and harness,	40 00	Lot leather,	2 25
Waggon body, axle and tongue,	5 00	Firkins and boxes,	1 37
Hay rigging,	2 00	306 bushels potatoes,	114 75
1 buffalo robe,	2 00	75 bushels small do.	18 75
1 ox sled,	6 00	600 lbs salt pork,	54 00
1 horse sled,	5 00	2 1-2 barrels cider,	5 00
1 sleigh,	20 00	302 lbs legs and shoulders,	27 18
2 cart ladders,	3 00	210 lbs salt beef,	12 60
1 market waggon,	14 00	11 bushels turnips,	2 75
6 ploughs,	30 00	7 bushels carrots,	2 10
2 scrapers,	2 00	36 lbs sausages and keg,	3 75
1 cultivator,	4 00	65 lbs butter,	11 00
1 harrow,	4 00	25 lbs cheese,	2 00
1 drag,	1 00	Groceries,	6 25
1 draught harness,	7 00	Cider barrels and casks,	3 50
Breastplate and bells,	2 50	Flour,	3 25
2 wheelbarrows,	2 00	3 brandy pipes,	7 50
2 ox yokes,	5 00	Pickles and tub,	1 50
1 halter,	75	Molasses and keg,	1 90
1 grindstone,	1 75	Sponge and wicking,	62
3 scythes and smathes,	3 00	1 bed pan,	1 00
1 sickle,	50	1 glass water vessel,	75
2 hay hooks, 3 flails,	2 50	125 lbs lard,	11 25
1 grain cradle,	4 00	20 lbs candles,	2 00
6 hay forks,	2 00	14 lbs. tallow,	1 12
9 rakes,	1 80	Rice,	1 00
1 winnowing mill,	4 00	88 lbs fresh beef,	6 16
1 shave and lot of rope,	75	35 lbs fresh pork,	2 80
3 whips,	2 00	3 1-2 dozen axe helves,	5 25
5 shovels, 1 spade, 3 forks,	6 00	Meal and rye flour,	2 50
2 manure hooks,	1 00	Lot ashes,	1 00
Salt and barrel,	1 00	4 barrels soap and barrels,	18 00
6 hoes,	1 50	Grease and pots,	1 00
3 axes, 1 hatchet,	3 50	1 mouse trap,	50
Beetle and wedges,	1 00	Bar and fancy soap,	50
1 plane and 2 chisels,	2 00	Lamp oil,	25
2 baskets,	2 50	10 bedsteads,	18 00
1 hand saw,	1 00	Feather & straw beds & bedding,	71 00
Square, compass, and augers,	3 00	18 chairs,	5 00
1 wood saw and frame,	1 25	2 rocking chairs, 1 cabinet do.	5 00
1 pair pincers,	75	4 tables,	4 50
Saw and shave horse,	1 50	2 looking glasses,	67
Curry comb, brush and card,	1 00	Knives, forks and spoons,	1 50
1 pair ox muzzles,	50	8 lard pots,	80
2 stake, 3 draught, 1 log chain,	9 00	Stoves and funnel,	60 00
7 benches,	4 67	Razor, strop and brushes,	1 50
1 nest measures,	50	Nest boxes,	40
8 meal boxes,	1 00	Lot manure paid for, not used,	34 66
12 meal bags,	1 50	Lot lumber,	1 00
1 fry pan,	25	2 brass kettles,	1 50
5 wash boards,	83	1 blanket and circingle,	1 37
8 wash tubs,	3 00	Lot of books,	2 00
7 pails,	1 40	1-4 barrel No. 1 mackerel,	3 00
Lot tin ware,	16 00	17 barrels,	2 12
1 coffee mill,	37	Churn and chopping knife,	3 00
8 meat barrels,	6 67	Sad irons and fry pans,	2 00
3 cupboards,	3 70	Crockery and glass ware,	8 00
2 clocks,	5 00	1 white-wash brush,	1 75
Cheese hoop, tray, butter boxes,	2 00	5 sugar boxes,	62
Stone jars and jugs,	2 00	2 iron bars,	2 50
2 copper pumps,	6 00	1 horse rake,	9 00
2 brooms and 2 brushes,	1 75	4 crickets,	1 00
Fire shovel and tongs,	3 50	Buttons, thread, &c.	50
1 meat form,	1 00	2 bushels fine salt,	90
2 wash forms,	1 00	15 lbs dried apple,	1 50
3 scalding tubs,	1 50	1 clothes line,	25
Lead pipe,	25	Lot rye and oat straw,	5 00
2 wrenches,	1 00		
1 molasses hogshead,	25		

The amount expended for the repairs of highways and bridges the past season, is larger than usual, but it will be seen that if the sums be deducted that have been expended for the culvert and flagging across Main street, the amount will not be larger than has usually been spent, and we think the amount expended for those two items cannot fail to give satisfaction to all concerned.

It will be seen by the foregoing that our Poor Farm has nearly paid all pauper expenses, and we are happy to state that we have secured the services of Mr. Spalding for another year.

There is a balance left in the town treasury, after paying the expenses of the year, of \$586 29.

THO'S J. LATON,	} Selectmen of Nashville.
NATHAN McKEAN,	
ALFRED GREELEY,	

Nashville, March 4, 1850.

The undersigned, chosen by the town to audit the accounts of the Selectmen, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts correctly added, all monies paid properly vouched, and moneys credited satisfactorily accounted for.

GEORGE TUTTLE,	} Auditors.
A. McKEAN,	
ROBERT MOORE,	

Nashville, March 4, 1850.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

ENGINEERS.

IGNATIUS BAGLEY, Chief Engineer.

JEREMIAH P. DAVIS, HORACE BLAISDELL,

AARON WOODS, Assistant Engineers.

J. P. DAVIS, Clerk.

Engineer's Office, Feb. 28, 1850.

To the Selectmen of Nashville :

GENTLEMEN—In conformity with the rules and regulations of the Fire Department, I herewith lay before your honorable board, a list of the officers and the number of men attached to the Nashville Fire Department. Also an account of the apparatus under their charge, and its condition ; the number of fires the past year ; the reservoirs and resources from which water can be obtained in case of fire ; together with the rules adopted for the organization and regulation of the department.

The fire department has been called out during the past year, at fires in Nashville and Nashua, four times, and for filling reservoirs, and for drill at the regular monthly meetings, eight times—making in all, twelve times.

The Engine Houses are such as will answer very well for the present. No. 1 is in the centre of the old Rail Road Depot, and contains three rooms, well arranged for the accommodation of the engine and the members of the company. These rooms have been provided by the Directors of the Nashua and Lowell Railroad, and are no charge or expense to the town for rent.

No. 2 Engine House is not such as would be required for the accommodation of a good suction engine and a company of forty men. The engine is not what it should be.

NASHVILLE ENGINE COMPANY No. 1. House on Canal Street.

Officers. George M. Young, Foreman; James Elliot, Assistant Foreman; Leonard Kendall, Clerk; Horace Blaisdell, Steward.—Forty-nine members.

Condition of House and Apparatus. Engine built in 1843, by W. C. Hunneman & Co., Boston. Its condition is good. Diameter of cylinders, 6 1-4 inches; stroke of piston 16 1-2 inches; 36 1-2 feet of suction hose, in good order. There are 750 feet of leading hose, of which 200 feet is indifferent, and which was second-hand when purchased. Taking the good and indifferent together, I think it will answer in most cases of fire. There are also attached to the engine a hose carriage, 4 buckets, 2 axes, 2 torch lamps, 2 pails, 1 iron shovel, 1 iron bar; and there are in the Engine House, 1 stove and funnel, &c.

JACKSON TORRENT ENGINE COMPANY No. 2. House on Canal Street, at the terminus of the basin.

Officers. A. P. Fernald, Foreman; J. C. Brackett, Assistant Foreman; Henry Holt, Clerk; George W. Gilman, Steward.—Thirty-eight members.

Condition of House and Apparatus. Engine built in 1825 by S. Thayer, Boston. Diameter of cylinders, 5 1-4 inches; stroke of piston, 15 inches; 425 feet of leading hose, which is old and is not safe for use in case of fire. There are also attached to the engine a hose carriage, 8 buckets, 2 torch lamps, 1 axe. The Engine and House belong to the Jackson Company. The construction of the engine is such that it would be of little use in case of fire, and its condition is such that it is not for the interest of the town to reattach the present, or a new company to it. The members of the present company are energetic men, and with a good suction engine, with the advantage of the water from No. 4 Reservoir, would greatly facilitate the extinguishment of fires in that part of the town, and add much to the power and efficiency of the fire department. Therefore I would recommend some action of the town in favor of procuring a new suction engine.

Location of Reservoirs and Stations located and designed, where water may be procured within the town of Nashville.

Reservoir No. 1, in Nashville square, between Amherst and Concord roads.

Reservoir No. 2, in Tyler square, between Lock and Orange streets.

Reservoir No. 3, at the crossing of Cross and Central streets.

Reservoir No. 4, on the north side of the school district lot No. 1.

Station No. 5, on the river bank, Front street, opposite Wm. Gillis's house.

Station No. 6, on river bank west of Nashua bridge.

Station No. 7, on river bank east of Nashua bridge.

Station No. 8, on river bank south of cotton house.

Station No. 9, on Canal street, opposite Grove street.

Station No. 10, on Canal street, opposite Cross street.

Station No. 11, on Canal street, opposite Canal street avenue.

Station No. 12, on Canal street, opposite Elm street.

Also, along the canal and river where most convenient in case of fire.

The reservoirs are in perfect order, and well supplied with water.

The locating of stations and necessary expenses of the Fire Department, have somewhat increased its expenses this year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following are the Rules adopted by the Selectmen and Engineers for the organization of the Fire Department.

Rules for Organization.

SECTION 1. The number of Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department may be reduced to two, whenever in the opinion of the Selectmen it shall be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. All persons admitted as members of the Fire Department, shall be employed for such periods, and subject to such regulations, as the Selectmen and Engineers may from time to time direct.

SEC. 3. Each of the companies formed and appointed by the Selectmen and Engineers, shall have a Foreman and Assistant Foreman, and a Clerk, and these officers shall be chosen by the written votes of their respective Companies, at a meeting specially held for that purpose, of which meeting and purpose the members shall be notified by the Clerk at least three days previous thereto; and if there be no Clerk, the commanding officer of said Company for the time being, if there be one, may issue his order in writing to any member of the Company to perform that duty until one shall be elected, and if the person so notified shall willfully refuse or neglect so to do, he shall be dismissed from the Fire Department; and if there be no commanding officer, the acting Chief Engineer shall issue the order as aforesaid, and likewise designate and detail some one of the Board of Engineers to preside at said meeting; and whenever it shall appear that any person has a majority of the written votes of the electors, at a meeting notified as above, and at which there shall be a majority of the whole Company present, the presiding officer shall forthwith notify him of the fact, and he shall make return of every election, or refusal to elect, to the Chief Engineer; and said return shall be transmitted by said Chief Engineer to the Selectmen, and if the persons so receiving the votes of the Company shall be approved by the Selectmen, for the respective offices to which they shall have been elected, they shall receive a certificate of appointment signed by the Selectmen—and shall thereby be invested with all the authority and subject to all the duty required by the town Rules and Regulations of the Fire Department; and in case the persons are not approved by the Selectmen, the Selectmen shall issue their order to the Chief Engineer to have a new election held in the manner heretofore expressed; and if the members of the Company shall then neglect or refuse to elect some person or persons to fill the vacant offices whom the Selectmen shall approve, the Selectmen and Engineers shall appoint some suitable person or

persons to the same. And if the members of any company shall refuse or neglect to elect any officer, they may be disbanded by the Selectmen and Engineers ; and whenever any person shall have received his certificate of appointment to any office as aforesaid, he shall perform all the duties thereof until discharged therefrom, either by death or resignation, or by order of the Selectmen, in which case the Selectmen shall direct the Chief Engineer to cause a meeting to be held, as heretofore provided, to fill the vacancy.

Rules for the Regulation of Engine, Hose, Hook and Ladder, and other Companies.

ARTICLE 1. No person shall be admitted into the Fire Department who is not a legal voter in the town of Nashville, without the permission of the Chief Engineer.

ARTICLE 2. All the Companies of the Department shall be furnished with a copy of these Rules and Regulations, which shall be framed and placed in their respective rooms for meetings, and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of the Department to conform to all the requisitions and perform all the duties therein required.

ARTICLE 3. The Foreman of each company shall make a return of all absences to the Engineer's office once in each quarter.

ARTICLE 4. The terms of service for the members of the Fire Department shall commence on the First day of the month, and shall continue for periods of six months each. And no member shall be entitled to pay unless he serves the whole of said period of six months, and in the same Company in which he enters, except in cases of sickness, death, or removal from the town.

ARTICLE 5. The Engineers shall appoint two suction Hose men and five leading Hose men, for each Engine Company, on the nomination of the company, and the men thus appointed shall hold their station for six months, and until others are appointed in their place.

ARTICLE 6. The Engineers shall also appoint a Steward to each company, who shall hold his office in like manner for no less than six months.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of each company to notify the members of all meetings for drill.

ARTICLE 8. It shall be the duty of the Foreman, and in his absence, of the commanding officer, to direct the time and place of all meetings for drill.

ARTICLE 9. It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep clean the House, the Engine, Hose, or other apparatus which may belong to the company, to clear the snow from the sidewalk connected with the House in winter, and generally to see that the Engine and apparatus are ready for immediate use.

ARTICLE 10. If any Engine or Fire apparatus be so damaged that immediate repairs are necessary, it may be taken forthwith to a suitable person to be repaired, but no repairs shall be made until information of such damage and place is given to the Chief Engineer, that he may order, or superintend such repairs. Provided, that

in case such information cannot readily be given to the Chief Engineer, it may be given to the Assistant Engineer in the town in which the Engine or apparatus is located, who will report to the Chief Engineer as soon as may be. All bills for work done of any kind are to be presented for approbation immediately after the work is completed and delivered.

ARTICLE 11. Badges are to be worn by the members of the Department, on front of the hat or cap at all fires, and no person is to be admitted within the lines without one, except by special permission, or in accordance with discretionary orders from the Engineers, and no person or persons, not members of the Department, shall be permitted to wear the same, except under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen and Engineers may direct.

ARTICLE 12. The utmost order, silence and decorum will be observed in going to, working at, and returning from a fire, and the use of rattles, horns, and all unnecessary noises, and smoking of cigars and pipes, are strictly prohibited, and on no occasion will the Engines and other apparatus be conveyed on the sidewalk, without the special permission of an Engineer, nor will any company be permitted to run their Engines or other Carriage in returning from a fire or alarm, or by each other.

ARTICLE 13. The Foreman of each company will remain by his company or apparatus, of which he has charge, or designate some other officer to do so, and preserve order and direct their operations, and all members of the several companies, except when otherwise engaged on special duty, will remain at or about the apparatus to which they are attached.

ARTICLE 14. Members of each company are to have control of the apparatus committed to their care, which is not to be handled, used, or in any way meddled with by the members of other companies, unless by permission of the officers of the company having charge of said apparatus, or special order of an Engineer.

ARTICLE 15. It is required of the members of the Department to avoid setting open the doors or windows of a building where fire may be, until a supply of water can be procured, and when water is obtained, to apply it judiciously and directly to the part on fire, and carefully avoid damaging furniture or goods by water.

ARTICLE 16. When an Engine shall be at a fire without assistance, or the means of procuring water by suction, or a line of Engines, the members will endeavor to procure a supply by means of buckets or a pump Hose, and strive to keep the fire in check, until a constant supply can be furnished.

ARTICLE 17. On arrival at the fire (as a general Rule) the first suction Engine is to be taken immediately to the nearest reservoir, or place from which a supply of water may be obtained, their suction Hose lowered and their leading Hose extended, and in the absence of the Engineers, the officers will exert themselves to procure another Engine to receive the water, and pass it on toward the fire; and all Engines in the line except the one playing on the fire, will have the whole of their Hose extended, which shall always consist

of not less than Two Hundred Feet. Engine Companies will not call on each other for Hose, but upon any Engineer, who will order the necessary quantity from other Engine Companies present.

ARTICLE 18. When the lines are dismissed, reserving only such force as may be deemed requisite, it shall be the duty of the Engineers and Firemen of the town in which the fire happened, to remain and take charge of the property or premises so long as may be thought necessary, assisted, if occasion requires, by such other company or companies, as shall be directed at the time.

ARTICLE 19. The Hose companies will repair with their Hose and apparatus to, or near the place where the fire may be, and take position near, and at convenient distance from Head Quarters, the Commanding Officer to report himself there immediately; all requisitions for other Hose are to be sent to Head Quarters.

ARTICLE 20. The Hook and Ladder Companies will take position when practicable within the lines, and as near the fire as under all circumstances may be found convenient. The Commanding officer will immediately on his arrival report himself at Head Quarters.

ARTICLE 21. No Company shall be allowed to draw water from the Reservoirs except in case of fire, without permission from the Chief Engineer.

ARTICLE 22. Every member of the Fire Department shall be responsible for his Badge, or any other article of apparatus intrusted to his care, and in case of loss, the cost of it shall be deducted from his compensation. And when any member of the Fire Department shall be dismissed from, or leave any company, he shall return his Badge, and whatever other article he may have belonging to the town, with the copy of these Rules, to the Foreman of the Company.

ARTICLE 23. The Firemen will repair on an alarm of fire with their Buckets, Badges, and other apparatus, to or near the place where the fire may be, and exert themselves to perform all the duties required of them, and the Foremen of the several companies, shall upon their arrival at the fire, report themselves at Head Quarters.

ARTICLE 24. In all cases when it becomes necessary to discharge a member of any company for neglect of duty, the Clerk of such Company shall make a return of the date from which the neglect began, and the payment of such discharged member shall be made up to that date only.

ARTICLE 25. The Chief Engineer shall annually make a report to the Selectmen, stating the condition of the Engine Houses, Engines, Apparatus, Reservoirs, Water Stations, Officers, and the number of Members attached to the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted.

IGNATIUS BAGLEY, Chief Engineer.

